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Letter dated 2 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 1 April 2000 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq. The Minister calls your attention to an act of provocation committed by a Saudi patrol on 25 March 2000 when it fired a number of rounds at an Iraqi border observation post, and he requests the United Nations Secretariat to intervene with the Saudi authorities in order to prevent any recurrence of such acts.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Saeed H. **Hasan**
Ambassador
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Annex

Letter dated 1 April 2000 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to inform you that at 1855 hours on 25 March 2000 a Saudi patrol consisting of three vehicles fired 10 rounds from inside Saudi territory at the observer company's observation post 54 near the Amghar guardhouse.

In bringing to your attention this unwarranted act of provocation committed by a Saudi patrol in violation of the Charter of the United Nations, the norms of international law and the principles of good-neighbourliness, the Government of the Republic of Iraq trusts that the United Nations Secretariat will intervene with the Saudi authorities with a view to preventing any recurrence of such acts of provocation.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Said **Al-Sahaf**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq